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of the Roman Pontiff—who deny his supreme authority—and appeal to the Word of God. This objection to the worship of the Pope is a direct challenge to the Church of Rome, to a considerable part of the Delegates, and to the teaching of the Prophets, Apostles, and our Lord Himself. In all these, Protestants are equally wrong. The Church of Rome is not the Church of God, and the Delegates do not represent Him. In this instance declare that, as respects the Church of Rome, we are Protestants, it is precisely well understood that we hold all that to be true which is true in the Christian religion. We are Protestants, because the origin of the term shows that Protestantism is novel and schismatical; we reply that, the reformed religion is not a new religion, but the old religion, and we are the Apostles; it is the Church of Rome which is modern in its many innovations on genuine Christianity (Church)—on the Christianity preached by the Holy Spirit and the Apostles, and prohibited by the writers of the first four centuries of the Church. (Cheers.) Our contention is this—the Church of Rome has abandoned the substance of the Christian religion, and we are Protestants. If we cannot travel in company, it is because they, not we, have left the "old path." When the Reformation dispelled the fog of ignorance and superstition, and let in the light of truth, the Church of Rome, instead of being reformed by a pretended infallibility to give their sanction to errors and practices of a most dangerous and deadly character. At the Reformation, the Church of Rome was divided, and divided to examine the claims of the Church of Rome, and with integrity to proclaim the results of their inquiry. And when England rose in her might she said of the year 1534, "We are Protestants." The Church of Rome said that the Bishop of Rome had any authority in England. A claim was then raised which ought never to have been admitted, and which has since been proved to have been altogether "disproved." (Melville.) The Reformation was thus a restoration—a restoration of the supremacy of the Word of God, of public worship, and of the rights of liberty of conscience, and freedom of inquiry. The Reformers were no more schismatics than were the Apostles when they left the Church of Christ, and they were not schismatics, and formed the Church of Christ. Let no man be led astray by the assertion that our common Protestantism is a novelty. We are Protestants, because we profess the old faith, that which was from the beginning, and for the truth of which we appeal to the Word of God. If we are Protestants, we are Protestants against all new making are unwilling for, and that whatever the Church of Rome may have been in days gone by, there is little danger to be apprehended from her. The Church of Rome is a most formidable Church cannot change, its motto is "*semper eadem*;" and though, chameleon-like, its hue may vary, its claims to supremacy and infallibility are the same. Let every man be true to his own conscience, and to the Word of God. Whatevers Mr. Gladstone (cheers)—one of two latest utterances of the

those of deceased; the first-annal gentleman being the only one who had been a holder of legal authority, including "Father's Digest," as well as the Secretary of the Anti Reform Commission in the mother country. The late Mr. T. F. Widdowson, who was the first of the Widdowson family to emigrate to the colony, was a prominent politician in the earlier days of our Colonial Parliamentary history. Mr. Esler leaves two sons and a daughter, all of whom are now in the colony, and are members of the Supreme Court of the colony.

RELIGIOUS MEMORANDA.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND.

October 22.—The annual meeting of the Synod in St. John's Church, Parramatta, in connection with the Melanesian Islands.

25.—The anniversary tea meeting, in connection with the above, at the temporary church, Riley-street, Surry Hills, as held in a pavilion erected for the purpose. After the tea a public meeting was held in the church, the Hon. Mr. Justice G. C. S. G. presiding.

27.—A public meeting in connection with the Melanesian Islands was held in St. Matthew's Church, Windsor.

29.—A mass of the Requiem of Rose Bay met at the residence of the organist, the singing the foundation-stone of St. Michael's Church, by the Bishop of Sydney.

WESLEYAN.

October 20.—The annual Wesleyan meeting commenced at 10 o'clock, at the Wesleyan Church, Sydney. The annual meeting of the Chippendale Sustentation Society was held, followed by others at the Glebe Road and Riley-street.

26.—The annual meeting of the Surry Hills branch of the Sustentation Society was held in the Bourke-street Church.

27.—The annual tea and public meeting at the Williams-street Church were held.

NOVEMBER 1.—The anniversary services of the York-street circuit took place at the Centenary Church, Sydney. Lady Campbell occupied the chair at the public meeting.

PREBYTERIAN.

October 20.—The 25th anniversary of the Balmain Presbyterian Church was held, the Rev. James Cook presiding.

25.—The first anniversary of the Glebe Presbyterian Church was celebrated by a tea meeting in the hall of the Glebe Public School, the Rev. Mr. A. Gardner, pastor of the church, presiding.

27.—The eleventh annual session of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of New South Wales was opened in St. Stephen's Church, Phillip-street, and closed its sittings on the 4th November.

NOVEMBER 22.—The end of the Presbyterian Church of Sydney was held at St. George's Church, Sydney, the Rev. Peter Macpherson, A.M., was elected moderator on the twelfth month. Business having long dispersed, the Synod adjourned until November next.

of the interested in the matter has been told, with the intention of inducing the Government, if possible, to reconsider the matter.

Mr. Mackay, one of the Commissioners to America, during an evening at his farewell banquet, and, in the course of the toast, "To the success of the Exhibition," gave high praise of his usefulness as a Commissioner, after which he will leave Philadelphia on April 10th, for America, where he will have among his duties the duty of inducing the Philippine Islands to participate as thoroughly as possible with the condition of the self-producing *utensils* of California, and will leave at Francisco for the Philippine Islands, on the 12th, accompanied by the police.

One of the passengers of the Star Queen has summoned a doctor, and the doctor has been called to attend to him, in accordance with the contract ticket, and a verdict for the staff will be followed by, in round numbers, a hundred other cases of the same kind.

Two of the *utensils* were sold by the Cape Horn for £250. The vessel is not absolutely a total wreck, and so much damaged that it would be hopeless to attempt to save it. The vessel is being towed to the wharf at Broad Sound in reference to the cause of the sinking.

A quantity of 542 tons from the Melbourne, the Rainbow, valued at 266 $\frac{1}{2}$ c of retorted gold.

The recent of the late fire at Cockburn being rapidly filled over.

The Government is very prevalent among the Chinese. The blacks are exceedingly troublesome along the road to Palmer. There are several cases of spearing horses and killing of men. The Government has been informed that this alluvial gold has been reported two miles westward of Palmer. Great care is being taken by the Government to prevent any possible trouble from the northern and southern districts of Queensland, the Government have ordered that Mr. Mackay shall visit and report upon the condition of the Chinese system of sugar-making in the French West Indies and Island.

The Agent-General for Queensland states that he has been informed that the Government of the United States to the colony he represents, which have been invited.

The Agent-General states that 3850 feet of space have been granted at the Philadelphia Exhibition for Queensland.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Parliament was opened on the 10th instant by the Governor. The speech received from the Governor was a short one, and improvements in the outer harbour; a new loan is to be placed.

Mr. Howard stated that the Government, in introducing the Bill, had taken the greatest care, as far as possible, and the Ministry had also decided to meet the objection to the

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